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Pte W. Stewart, M.M. Returns to His Home Town

Saturday night, Pte. W. Stewart M.M. the first one of our gallant boys to return since the armistice was signed arrived at Irma. Word of his home coming arrived only a few hours before the train arrived, but a large number of his old friends were on the platform to receive him. After the boys had all had a good hand shake and most of the ladies a kiss, part of the crowd proceeded to the residence of W. B. Peterson, where a good supper was waiting. Owing to the excitement Billy did not have much to say only that he was glad to return to Irma and his old friends, especially the Ladies.

Pte Stewart enlisted with the 151 Batt. and left with that unit the summer of 1916. In England he was drafted to the 50th Can. Inf. Pte F. McCready, M.M., Pte F. Nash and Pte W. Clark were all in the same company. In Feb. 1917 a German bullet hit him in the forehead but passed out without doing any serious injury. He was soon back in the trenches taking part in most of the heavy fighting. In April 1918 he was awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery under heavy fire. On October 1st 1918 during a fierce battle he was again hit with a German bullet this time in the thigh. After this he was sent to England for treatment and from there to Canada.

Meeting of Seed Grain Applicants M. D. 454

There are so many difficulties in connection with seed grain applications that it seems necessary, at this date, to have all the applicants meet with the committee at the home of James A. Craig, on the North-East Quarter 24-48-12, on February 15th. Come early.

This is not a satisfactory arrangement at this time of the year but there are so many questions that concern each applicant and also the council, that there seems no way by which to avoid this inconvenience.

At this time the matter of price, quantity, destination of shipment, car lots or sacks, method of distribution, signing of notes and liens, settlement in full as well as charges which depend on circumstances must be arranged.

Until this is done we cannot even make out the papers and mail them to you so as to save you this trip. These notes and liens must be completed and settlement made in full before the council will order seed on borrowed money, so you must attend this meeting if you desire seed.

Any further applications for seed will be considered at this time.

Special School Meeting.

On account of a petition of the ratepayers of the Irma school board by Mr. R. Smallwood, ex-trustee. A special meeting has been called for Saturday afternoon to discuss rumors regarding the conduct of some of the school children. Some of the boys have been reported swearing and Mr. Smallwood is determined to find out more particulars than the present Board of trustees wish to divulge. We think the present board has the sympathy of a majority of the ratepayers as to their ability to run the local school.

Clarkson Ambler Brought Up On Charge of Arson

Last Saturday Provincial Police officers Rawson and Boyers placed Clarkson Ambler under arrest charged with setting fire to a hay stack on the ranch of W. Freeman about 8 miles north of Irma. The alleged fire was set on the night of Jan. 21st. The preliminary hearing took place at Irma on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 3rd and 4th before Mr. G. A. Loades, J.P. of Viking. The crown produced five witnesses some of whom swore that the defendant had spent from around 2 1/2 hours going from his uncles place to the dance which was being held at Mrs. Printups on the night of the fire. Also Constable Rawson swore that he had measured the foot prints leading to and from the burned stack and a bluff where evidently a saddle horse had been tied. These foot prints were carefully compared with track made on the following day when he accompanied him over the same territory. In both instances the marks made by the shaps worn in the snow by the accused was very distinct. After carefully summing up the evidence the prisoner was committed for trial at the next court of competent jurisdiction. Officer Rawson handled the case for the Crown, and Mr. Simpson of May and Simpson acted for the defendant. No witnesses were called for the defense.

Irma Co-Operative Co. Hold Meeting

The seventh annual meeting of the Irma co-operative Co. Ltd was held in the Co-op hall Wednesday afternoon when Mr. W.H. King, H.W. Love and C. J. Knudson were re-elected as directors. The report for the year was not as good as some former years but the directors were pleased to report that the company had held its own during such hard times as we have passed through the last fall. Through the failure of the crop and the ravages of the Flu, business for the last part of the year fell off although the total turnover for the year was nearly as well as the last year.

A committee was appointed to arrange for a social evening before the spring work commences. Messrs. J. W. Wyatt, C. J. Knudson and H. W. Love with power to add. Considerable discussion took place as to the advisability of discontinuing the practice of redeeming cash coupons at 5 percent. The company have paid their patrons \$2177.20 for cash coupons returned the last year. This has been a big inducement for patrons to pay cash and the share-holders decided to continue as before.

The members all showed their appreciation for the service rendered by the manager and staff during the last year.

Roy Merry Acquitted.

Tuesday before Judge Taylor at Wainwright Roy Merry was acquitted on the charge of stealing a pump from T. C. Wood. He was also acquitted on the charge of assault. Messrs. Simpson and Robinson acted for the defendant.

NOTICE

The Red Cross Society will meet at the parsonage, Wed. 19th. A full attendance is requested. E.V. Manners, Treas.

Hospital Board Holds Meeting Discusses Ways and Means to Bring Hospitals to the District

A meeting of the Hospital Board for the Wainwright hospital district was held in the Council Chamber at Wainwright on evening of Jan. 29th, at the eight o'clock.

All of the board were present but the members from M.D. 452 and M. D. 421.

Considerable discussion took place as to what the present board had best do since the department had twice turned down the scheme presented to them without letting the ratepayers have a chance to vote on it, the scheme being an eight room, fully equipped hospital at Wainwright and a cottage hospital at Irma and also one east of Wainwright at Edgerton or Chauvin. Several of the board contended that as the Department had turned the scheme down it was up to the board to put some scheme of one hospital up to the Department, in fact must form a scheme of one hospital for this district.

To bring the matter to a head Mr. Hines of Edgerton moved, seconded by Mr. Sharp that fully one equipped hospital be built at Edgerton. The motion carried.

Mr. Fieldhouse, member for Wainwright then gave notice of motion for the next meeting to reconsider the above motion of a hospital at Edgerton.

Considerable discussion then took place as to the best site for a hospital and if the present board now that they did not agree should resign and give a new board a chance. There was also a feeling by some of the board that the district as present outlined should be reorganized and new district formed.

A motion to adjourn to await the call of chairman was made at 11.30 and carried.

ANNUAL MEETING JARROW U. F. A.

The annual meeting of the Jarrows U.F.A. Local No. 358 was held in the Jarrows restaurant, Monday, Jan. 27th. The meeting was presided over by W. Comley, president. Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

The secretary informed the meeting of letters from the Grain Growers Guide and their offer to loan the Guide. Four new subscribers were added to the Guide.

A vote of thanks was given to the executive for services rendered during the past year.

The following officers were elected for 1919:

W. Comley, President, A. Firkus, Vice-Pres., R. T. Meakins, Secy., Treas., G. Comley, auditor, C. Alph. J. James, T. A. Lindberg, S. Lisson, Directors.

As delegates to annual convention, A. Firkus and R. T. Meakins, with C. Alph. alternate. It was moved and carried that delegates expenses be paid the U.F.A. convention held at Edmonton, Jan. 21-24.

W. Comley, delegate to the UGG Co. read his report of the annual meeting at Calgary. A vote of thanks to the delegate was proposed by A. Firkus and carried.

Following is the secretary's annual report.

Expenditure—	
To membership dues	\$40.00
Imperial Lbr. Co.	50.00
Stationery and Stamps	1.24
Hire of room for meeting	1.00
Amount on deposit Merchants Bank Irma	13.60
Amount in Treas. Hands	3.65
To Red Cross	550.00
Total	\$659.50

Receipts—	
Balance on hand Jan. 31,	1.45
Membership dues	64.00
Receipts 3rd annual picnic	451.00
Net receipts Firkus dance	135.55
Grain G.G. Subscriptions	6.00
Bank interest	1.50
Total	\$659.50

Audited and found correct. W. G. Comley, R. J. Meakins Jarrows, Jan. 1st, 1919 Proposed and carried that secy's statement be audited.

The meeting was then adjourned to Feb. 1st, at 1 p.m. at the Jarrows restaurant.

FARMERS SHORT COURSE SCHOOL

Arrangements have just been made by the Provincial Department of Agriculture for the holding of short course schools for the benefit of farmers, farmers' wives, sons and daughters, at the schools of agriculture in Claresholm, Olds and Vermilion. The dates are from Feb. 17th to 28th inclusive—a two weeks course.

Instruction will be given in gas tractors, engines, automobiles, etc. Live stock, soil cultivation, seed selection weed identification and eradication, veterinary science, poultry raising, home nursing and household science.

There will also be a special course of instruction on same subjects at Grande Prairie, and at the College of Agriculture, Edmonton, from March 3rd to 8th inclusive. Cash prizes will be awarded for judging in live stock and grain sections.

There is no charge for any of these courses, and everybody is cordially invited.

Further particulars can be had on application to A. E. Meyer, Supt. Schools of Agriculture, or Alex Galbraith, Supt. of Fairs and Institutes, Edmonton.

COAL SPRINGS

Lutheran services were conducted at the schoolhouse on Sunday last with a large number in attendance. Rev. Wraa has charge of this parish now.

August Majeske an old timer in these parts is here to spend the balance of the winter and is at present staying with M.T. Knudson family. August is recuperating from the effects of the flu, contracted Nov. 1st and does not feel strong.

Letters from the Olaf Larson family to friends here convey the information that they are comfortably located in their new home at North Vancouver, B.C.

We are informed that Albert and Fred Knudson and wife are enjoying the winter among the scenes of their former home near Fergus Falls, Minn.

RED CROSS NOTES

The Red Cross wishes to acknowledge the sum of \$5.50, donation from Battle Heights Literary Society. Per Miss Wortman also \$5.00 donation from Mr. O'Leary, late patient at the local hospital.

Several Irma Boys Due to Arrive in Next Two Weeks

Several Irma boys are on their way back from France and England. Sgt. J. Elliott is visiting his parents in Ontario. Pte C. Burr has been reported at Vancouver having made the trip via the Panama canal. Lieut. R. Wilbraham has landed at Halifax. One of the Mildon boys is expected shortly. Mrs. Seaton returned from Edmonton Sunday where she went to meet her brother who had just got back from France.

Irma Local U. F. A. Hold Regular Meeting

The Irma U.F.A. met for its regular meeting on Saturday afternoon Feb. 1st. A very good attendance was present in the Co-op hall when Pres. Clark called the meeting to order and the business was carried on with a great amount of interest manifest. The matter of gopher poison was left for settlement at the next meeting. A committee was appointed to find out the cost of a building suited for office and association purposes. This was the result of a discussion on ways of meeting the needs of the membership better. Pres. Clark reported on some oats and a car is now on order. C. G. Hockin was appointed Sec-Treas.

A motion of sympathy for Mrs. Johnstone in her bereavement in which was expressed an appreciation of the faithful services of our late secretary was passed.

Choral Society Hold Mock Trial.

The mock trial put on by the Choral Society Wednesday evening was a great success. Fifty witnesses and spectators took part. Miss Mari-gold Tibbs was suing Mr. Josephus Dubbs for \$15,000 for breach of promise. Miss Adeline Tibbs, twin sister of the plaintiff, was apparently the cause of the defendant losing his love affections. Mrs. Susanna O'Flaherty was jealous of the complainant. Mr. Adam E.Z. Mark was a witness for the defendant and Mr. Adolphus Tibbs, father of the plaintiff, declared that Mr. Dubbs had asked him for the hand of his daughter. Mr. Simon Simple, another jilted lover of the plaintiff, declared he was not sure whether he was infatuated over the affections of Adelaide or Mari-gold Tibbs. Alonzo Jiggs acted as judge. Jeremiah Bonanza acted for complainant and B. Bughouse acted for the defendant. The judge awarded the complainant a \$1450 diamond ring and 15c damages.

The next meeting of the Choral Society will be held at the residence of Mrs. A.W. Toll next Wednesday evening.

Public Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the ratepayers of Irma School District No. 2435 will be held in Irma school at two o'clock P.M. on Saturday, Feb. 8, 1919, for purpose of discussing rumors regarding school children. Florence McDowell, Secretary.

Burned to the Ground.

Monday afternoon about 4 P.M. the house on F. Hansons & NW 36-45-10 was burned to the ground with all content, including all of Mr. Hanson's clothing, bedding and personal effects. The fire is supposed to have caught from an overheated stove. Mr. Hanson was at Mr. Jenkins after a load of hay at the time the fire started.

Sensational Arrest Of Farmer Made In Tofield District

Tofield, Alta., Feb. 2.—H. W. Hunt, a farmer and old-timer of the Tofield district, was arrested Saturday evening at his farm at his farm a few miles west of town, by Constable Smith, of the Provincial police, upon a serious charge, and locked up in the local jail.

It has been common talk about town for several days that an arrest was contemplated. It was learned that Hunt had sold his farm and everything upon it for cash. On Saturday afternoon he was in town and made enquiries at the railway station with regard to train connections to Montana.

A number of citizens, upon hearing this, came to the conclusion that something should be done, and demanded that the man should be arrested.

Constable Smith proceeded to the Hunt place, followed by several autos filled with citizens who were resolved to see the arrest made. At the farm the constable took Hunt into custody and brought him back to town.

The escort augmented by other citizens until it numbered between 60 and 70 men, gathered at the police barracks, determined not to leave the spot until they had seen the prisoner safely behind the bars. When this had been accomplished the whole crowd marched through the place to satisfy themselves that the cell was properly secure. Mayor Pincott, who followed the proceedings, says that there was at no time any disorder or signs of violence.

Hunt spent Sunday in his cell, there being no bail forthcoming. He is between 45 and 50 years of age and has lived in this district for a considerable time. He is a former justice of the peace and game guardian of the district. He lived on his farm with his wife and a young girl who served as a domestic. Bulletin.

Notice to Electors Municipal District of Kinsella No. 424

The annual meeting and Council nominations for the above district will be held at Hill Park school on the 20th of February, 1919.

Elections and the poll on the Hall Insurance By-Law will be held in the respective respective divisions under supervision of the following Deputy Returning Officers.

Div. 1—E. R. Erickson, at Coal Spring School.

Div. 2—H. T. Tonkin, at Hill Park School.

Div. 3—Nelson Ward, at M.H. Ward's SW 16-45-12.

Div. 4—F. Norris, at W. Somerville, SW 16-46-12.

Div. 5—D. Corbett at Edmonton City Dairy Kinsella.

Div. 6—J. E. Holloway at Jarrows Restaurant.

C. J. Knudson, Secy-Treas.

Fire Alarm.

About ten o'clock a fire was discovered in the basement of the Merchants bank. Fortunately a chemical extinguisher was handy and the flames were extinguished before they gained any headway.

Business Directory

Irma L.O.L. No. 2066

Meets Wednesday on or nearest previous to the full of the moon in each month. Visitors welcome.
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Rev C G Hockin, Rec Secretary
F W Watkinson, F Secretary



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STRAYED—from SW 10-48-0,

one black poll steer, one and a half yr old, branded J 6 on left ribs. Five dollars reward for return to John F. Fleming. 3tp

STRAYED—one red mooley 2 yr

old steer and one red and one red and white yearlings, steers, horned and branded on left ribs. Two 2 yr old steers one red and one black branded on right shoulder. Notify A on Joe Gulbraa, SW 16-45-9 SW Irma 3TP

Brand Notice

All cattle branded on right hip are property of Connolly Bros., section 30-47-8, Cummings P.O. 5TP

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Friday, February 7th 1919

The Thrift Magazine Makes

Its Appearance.

The first number of the Thrift Magazine, published under the direction of the National War Savings Committee, has made its appearance. It is edited by Mr. W. J. Dunlop, B.A., director of the schools section of the W.S.S. organization, who is also editor of "The School". The special purpose of this publication is to further the War Savings and Thrift Stamps movement among the schools of the Dominion. Ten numbers are to be published by June, the intention being to bring them out at fortnightly intervals. The Thrift Magazine is supplied free to every teacher in Canada and may be had on application to the office of publication, 371 Bloor St. West, Toronto. Pupils, school inspectors, public libraries and persons generally interested in thrift education may also receive the Magazine by applying to this address.

WOOL SALE.

The wool sale conducted by the Alberta Provincial Sheep Breeders' Association for 1918 has just been completed and cheques are now being mailed the contributors by the Secretary-Treasurer, W. J. Stark, \$54,928.15 will be contributed amongst the farmers, according to the value of their individual shipments. The Co-operative sales mean that the farmer, who only has a few sheep gets the same price per pound for his wool as the man with a flock of several thousand, provided he sells his wool through the medium of the sale conducted by the Association.

That the sale conducted in Edmonton annually is meeting with favor is shown by the following table showing the growth since the first sale was held, in the year 1915.

	Contrib	Total lbs	av pr.
1915	32	12,998	27.27
1916	102	52,270	30.08
1917	163	63,922	59 1-2c
1918	258	102,099	63.6c

In addition over 1,000 lbs. of wool were sold this year to local buyers, having been received too late to be graded or shipped east with the five carloads which were sent to Toronto for sale. About one-third of the wool was sold to Canadian buyers, who were paying a much better price for certain grades than that set by the American Government, who took over all wool sent to Boston, fixed the prices for the various grades and allocated it to the various manufacturers. After holding the wool in Toronto as long as was advisable, the balance was shipped to Boston; this meant delay in getting full returns for the wool but it was unavoidable under the circumstances.

Gas Company Loses

Application to Raise

Rates for Viking Gas

The attempt of the gas company to secure a ten-cent increase in the gas agreement rates has failed. As a result of a decision of the Board of Public Utilities given out Saturday noon the city wins the case against the Northern Alberta Natural Gas Development Co., Ltd. It being held that the company has no justifiable grounds for demanding an increase in rates before the gas supply system is installed or in operation.—Bulletin.

Attention to Ratepayers

The attention of the ratepayers of the Municipal District of Battle River No. 423 is drawn to the fact that there will be a vote taken on Feb. 27th, 1919 to decide as to whether we will be included in the Municipal Mail Insurance District or not and advise each ratepayer to acquaint themselves with the working of the Act so that they can vote intelligently thereon. Your Councillors will be able to inform you as to the contents of the Act, or the Sec. Treas. has a few copies of the same. There will also be a public meeting of all ratepayers and nomination of Councillors for Wards 3, 4, and 6, to fill the vacancies made necessary by the expiration of the term of office of Messrs. Golding, Gano and Smallwood, said meeting and nomination to be held at Municipal office, in Irma, on Feb. 20th, 1919. The term of office of a Councillor will be for two years.

Jarow U. F. A.

A meeting of the UFA was held on Feb. 1st and it was said to be the best attended meeting ever held at Jarow. This is good news. It takes a long time to convince some that a real benefit can be derived by attending these meetings and being an active member. No doubt in time everyone will see the folly of trying to fight their individual battles alone. A strong flavor of politics is pervading the UFA since the Edmonton Convention, and altho' there are many critics of this step, we cannot see that it can do any harm. Some misunderstanding accompanies the Resolution passed at the convention, but it should be clearly understood that each Local has the privilege of acting independently in any election campaign and no attempt will be made by central to sidetrack that particular local's attempts to any cut and dried policy. Any Local or combination of Locals may run a candidate at any election and will receive what assistance the central office can afford them. We consider this a good start in the right direction, and it will be noted that the resolution is couched in very cautious terms. The actions of any Local "does" not discredit the UFA in general if things do not turn out right for them. Now it is up to the Locals in this constituency to see that they have a man in the field who will subscribe to the Farmers Platform.

The question of a cemetery was introduced at this meeting and it was decided to have a committee approach the municipal council in the matter. Something definite will likely be accomplished at the next meeting, about a hall for Jarow. It appears to be the unanimous opinion of all that Jarow should show some concrete sign of appreciation for the debt owing our defenders Overseas. A memorial hall seems to fit the case the best and Messrs Holloway, Devison and Conley are a committee to bring a number of suggestions for the consideration of the next meeting. We understand they are preparing plans for different styles of buildings and no doubt will have some useful information to advance at the next meeting. Whatever is done, it will be absolutely necessary to have an assured revenue. A sinking fund must be provided for every year, also insurance, repairs and a caretaker. The building should pay its own way after completion or friction will result. We will have something to say about municipal elections next week.

With Re-organization We May Get a Municipal Hospital

The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the son of the soil hath not where to lay his head, in time of illness, in Irma district. Many have their tax notices to pay to Manville and Vermilion municipal hospitals, railroaded thru without being legally advertised. It was publicly stated as Manville was the first district to vote on the hospital scheme in Alberta, the government officials did not want it defeated regardless of territory, justice or inconvenience. We would not care to lay the blame entirely on the Public Health Department but the question still remains why a research of the district was not officially made before the territory was allotted. We assure you it is being thoroughly considered before the Wainwright scheme will be put to a vote. Those Slipper and Democrats in the Times have intimated a coming election. Sure, the signs of the times point in that direction. The UFA are merging in the game, clean and undisturbed, which we hope will be a boon to activity.

While the governments are organizing old playing politicians many lives pass and a few dozen lives here or there, with Edmonton hospitals over 100 miles distant and taxed to their limit for room does not matter much. It is nearly years since Irma sent in her first petition for a hospital. Hon. A. G. MacKay, Minister of public health, we believe is now giving our district serious consideration. Signed, TERRAE FILIUS

VIKING

An electric light plant for the village was informally discussed at the meeting of the Council last Monday evening but we understand no conclusions were reached except that they will let the matter rest for awhile.

Cadet H. G. Thunell who has been discharged from the Royal Air Force at Toronto, arrived home last week and has again taken up the work of editing the News. Before returning he made a brief visit in the States.

The Viking Curling Club is represented by two rinks at the Edmonton bonspiel which commenced on Tuesday, and they went up with high hopes of getting into the money class.

The rinks are as follows:
Ross, Tymich, McAthey, Somersall, skip; Kelly, Slavik, Long, Owen, skip.

Viking and community had the honor of welcoming home two veterans of the great war last Friday evening when Ptes. Percy and Norman Main, two Viking district boys stepped off the west bound train. They were met by their happy wives, relatives and a host of friends and the official reception committee recently appointed by the congregation of the Community church to meet all returning men, Messrs. H. B. Collier, W. McAthey, and Rev. T.F. Lund.

A social dance was held at the Neefe home on Thursday evening. About forty were present from town and also several sleigh loads from the south. A. Burger and Bruce Farquharson furnished good music on the violin while the Misses Harris, Watkins, and Hoines, assisted at the piano. A sumptuous supper was served at twelve o'clock and dancing was indulged in till an early hour when all went home satisfied that they had a good time.

Joseph Henry Sutter, son of Jacob Sutter, of the Gilpin district, passed away on Friday, January 31 death being due to pulmonary trouble from which he has suffered for some time. The deceased was 25 years of age, and was a young man of many excellent qualities.

To mourn his untimely death are his father, two brothers, Charles and Harland, and two sisters Elizabeth and Cora, who reside in Edmonton. Harland is overseas with the American army.

Funeral services were held at the family home on Sunday last at 10:30 a.m., Rev. T.F. Lund officiating at the last sad rites. Burial took place in the Viking cemetery. The services were attended by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives, friends and neighbors.

The drug store conducted by H. C. Cooke, for the past six months has outgrown its business and last week carpenters were at work enlarging the main store. The wall between the jewelry store, formerly occupied by H. Cartwright, and the drug store has been removed which enlarges the main store considerably. Many rows of new shelving have been put up and the store rearranged to make things more convenient for customers and patrons. It is needless for us to add that Mr. Cooke will give the same satisfactory and courteous service that he has given heretofore, as that is a hobby of his, and if anything will try, if possible, to better it.

A grand opening will take place on February 15th when all are invited to call and inspect the new store.

The partitions in the Immigration hall have been removed by a crew of men the past week so that the entire lower floor is now one large room. The entire hall is also being floored with the best of flooring Dr. McLeod, proprietor of the hall, has arranged to warm it up with a grand ball on St. Valentine's night, Friday, February 14th, and the best of music will be engaged for the occasion.

The new hall will provide ample space for a large crowd and as social events of this nature have been few and far between in town ever since the influenza epidemic swept the world, this dance will no doubt draw a large crowd from the surrounding country as well as town who enjoy this form of recreation and amusement.

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STRAYED—from section 28-47-8, 1 year old filly, branded 1 on right shoulder, white spot on forehead and silvery tail. Suitable reward. J. Beaul, Irma. 48-50p.

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STRAYED—to NW 18-46-9 red and white steer branded 63 on right hip. J. S. Gault. 3 TP

STRAYED—from section 24-44-9, 2 year old heifer, calf at side, red. Branded 38 on right side. Geo. S. Clopp, Hardisty. 4-1p.

STRAYED—from N.W. 2-46-9, red roan steer, no horns branded 64 on left hip, coming 3 yrs old. \$25.00 reward. G. Graham. 1tp.

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Anglo-American Understanding

Paris. — Every day that passes increases the certainty that Britain and the United States have reached an agreement on all fundamental questions and are working closely together. Both nations have made concessions; Britain has accepted the U. S. views as to certain vital phases of the league of nations and the U. S. has surrendered to Britain with respect to the old contention regarding freedom of the seas as a U. S. press correspondent.

No regret should be wasted over this surrender for it was the wisest point in the American program. Their original conception grew out of the controversies first with Britain and then with Germany over the rights of neutrals. The United States claimed the privilege under the existing sea laws of trading freely with both sides; Britain contended that while these laws were applicable in former times they were not so any longer since modern wars are fought, not between professional armies and navies, but between whole peoples. Everybody is a combatant in a certain sense and therefore everything is contraband. The United States practically acceded to this view when entering the war, they helped the allies to tighten the blockade.

The chief cause of the present concession to Britain is the realization that the day is indeed past when wars can be fought according to rules. The league of nations may make all the rules it pleases; but when a great conflagration sweeps the world into a desperate life and death struggle all rules will be in vain for nobody will observe them. The real evil is not the breaking of war rules but war itself. Why, therefore, waste efforts in drafting rules which would be better expended towards preventing war altogether?

The best preventive plan yet suggested is the establishment of a league of nations. If a strong league, with suitable limitations of armaments, can be organized, the whole question of the freedom of the seas immediately becomes a secondary one. This reasoning may be considered the basis of the present warm Anglo-American understanding.

Troops Leave Germany

All Canadian Fighting Divisions are Now in Belgium

Ottawa. — Confirmation of the statement that the third Canadian division, the first of the fighting divisions from Canada to be returned home, will probably sail from England about March 1, is contained in a cable from Sir Edward Kemp, overseas minister of militia, received at militia headquarters. The cable also gives the exact location of all the Canadian fighting divisions and proves conclusively that they are now in Belgium and not in Germany.

The first division, it states, is now at Huy, midway between Liege and Namur, where it arrived from the Rhine about ten days ago. The second division is located at Namur, having reached that place from the Rhine just about the time the cable was despatched.

The third division is at Tournai, also in Belgium and is expected to begin the movement from there to England the second week of February; and from England to Canada about March 1. The fourth division is stationed at Nivelles, twenty-five miles south of Brussels. Certain corps troops, such as garrison artillery, cavalry and hospital units, will, the cable states, be moving to England also.

Say Allies Must

Evacuate Russia

If They Desire to Prove Their Fitness to Act as Arbitrators

Paris. — Further fight on the Bolshevik attitude toward the invitation of the allied and associated powers for a conference with the Russian factions at Prince's Islands is given by an article in the Bolshevik official newspaper *Isvestia* of January 26.

The *Isvestia* article, which was signed by M. Nekolov, lays stress on the indirect character of the invitation, noting that it bore neither address nor signature. The writer declares the allies must choose between the role of adversaries of the new Russia and that of arbitrators. If they desire to prove their fitness to act as arbitrators he insists they must completely evacuate Russia. Then their initiative, he adds, may be taken seriously.

For Return of Kaiser

Paris. — Field Marshal von Hindenburg, according to the Echo de Paris, is endeavoring to bring about the return of former Emperor William, after the meeting of the national assembly. Leading German manufacturers in Westphalia are said to be interested in the plan. The newspaper adds that the former emperor wrote to Premier Ebert that he would accept whatever residence Germany was assigned to him. Ebert is said to have replied that only the national assembly would be qualified to decide the question.

Strike Movement is Spreading in Belfast

City by Night is Now in Total Darkness

London. — It is estimated that nearly 200,000 men and women are idle in the United Kingdom and Ireland because of strikes in various trades, creating one of the most serious situations industrially that the country has had to face in many years. Half of the strikers are in Belfast, where the strike movement is continuing to spread.

The city of Belfast by night is now in virtually total darkness, the hospitals being the only places where lights can be shown without danger of attacks by strikers. Everywhere else the display of light has caused either the stoning or the storming of the premises. In cases where such drastic action was not taken the people were forced by threats to screen their lights. Even in the private houses it is not considered safe to use more than one candle and the supply of candles is rapidly diminishing.

Consider Adriatic Question

With View to Determine Merits of Claims Put Forward

Paris. — A commission, consisting of four admirals representing Great Britain, the United States, France and Italy, has been in session at Fiume inquiring into the occupation of various ports along the eastern coast of the Adriatic.

This occupation came to the attention of the meeting of presidents held in London early in December prior to the arrival of President Wilson. It was decided to ask four admirals to make an inquiry with a view to determine the merits of respective claims being put forward in that region.

Meetings of the commission have been suspended indefinitely, it is said, owing to the withdrawal of the Italian representative, who is understood not to be in entire accord with his colleagues as to the desirability of the inquiry.

Turks Attacking

Armenian Villages

Fearful Another Chapter of Atrocities Will Be Added to Record

London. — Intense anxiety is felt by Armenians here over reports that hordes of Turkish troops have joined Tatar bands, and are attacking Armenian villages. It is feared that still another chapter of atrocities will be added to the Turkish record before the allies are able to relieve the beleaguered Armenian towns.

Details still are lacking of the massacre at Baku after the Turks, reinforced by Tatar and German troops, had captured the city. Unofficial reports to the Armenian bureau here indicate that about 20,000 people, including a considerable number of Armenian soldiers, were slaughtered in Baku and in the surrounding region.

Denies Megantic Story

Halifax. — Officials of the White Star line have emphatically deny charges made by a number of the soldiers returning on the Megantic that conditions aboard the steamer were not all they should be. Halifax evening papers publish statements from Major Linlon, the officer commanding the returning troops, setting forth that the food supplied was of good quality, that the accommodation for all was satisfactory, and that the men's quarters were kept in excellent condition.

Young Soldiers Will Watch Rhine

69 Battalions Will Be Sent Immediately to Release Older Men

London. — The regulations governing the armistice of occupation are dealt with in an official statement issued by Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for war. The statement says:

"The British military commanders are of the opinion that 800,000 men are sufficient for this transition period. All the rest will be demobilized as fast as possible.

"The new armies will begin forming February 1, and will be composed in the first instance, of those who have fulfilled since January 1, 1916, and who do not exceed 37 years of age. Volunteers will be accepted for one year's service from among men otherwise entitled to release, while 69 battalions of young soldiers now on home service will be sent immediately to help guard the Rhine bridgeheads and release the older men.

"The men of the new armies will be paid bonuses ranging from ten shillings and sixpence per week for privates, to forty-two shillings for colonels, in addition to the ordinary army pay. Leave will be granted on as generous a scale as possible.

"The occupation armies will be the home army, the army of the Rhine, the army of the middle east, a detachment of the far north and garrisons of the crown colonies and India.

"These arrangements seem to be the best advisable for the year of 1919. During the year, however, we must remake the old British regular army so as to provide, on a voluntary basis, overseas garrisons and foreign stations."

In connection with the foregoing the ministry of labor announces that no further application for release of individual officers or men on pivotal or special grounds can be considered.

Opposes Annexation

President Wilson Wishes to Internationalize German Colonies

Paris. — Financial considerations have entered largely into the discussion of internationalization of the German colonies, which have been generally regarded as the chief asset of Germany, in settling war claims. While Japan has made it clear that she is willing to return the actual territory included in the Kiaochow concession to China, she desires to retain the German railways, mines and other valuable concessions in Shantung province to reimburse her for war expenditures.

Australia has advanced a similar reason for claiming the New Guinea islands and New Zealand for claiming Samoa. Japan's claims to the Marshall and Caroline groups are supported on the same grounds, and a similar reason is offered for the actual transfer of the German African colonies to members of the entente.

China naturally objects to having the concessions which Germany forced from her transferred to Japan. Settlement of the war claims of an ally, while it is asserted that President Wilson opposes actual annexations and insist upon internationalization of all the Pacific and African German colonies. But under an internationalization plan, the entire powers are unable to see how their claims against Germany would be met and objection has been raised that if actual transfer of the colonies is not made to certain powers in settlement of war claims, the chief asset of Germany would be eliminated, as the nation to whose guardianship the colonies was entrusted by the league of nations could not consider them its property.

Italy Apologizes

Washington. — Rear-Admiral Niblack, commanding American naval forces in the Adriatic, informed the navy department that the action of the Italian authorities in hauling down the American flag on the steamer Dinar was due to a misunderstanding and that the Italian commander had apologized and ordered the flag restored.

Must Re-take Narva

Stockholm. — Premier Lenine, according to a report from Reval, has ordered the Bolshevik troops to re-take the town of Narva, from the Estonians within a week, to sack the town and to "kill all the bourgeoisie. Lenine is reported to be staying in the town of Yamburg, east of Narva.

German Army Mobilized

Paris. — Two full corps of German troops have been assembled by the general staff to march against the Poles and eight troop trains are passing through Frankfurt-on-the-Oder daily, according to a Zurich despatch to the journal quoting the press of Baden-Baden.

Buys Canada's Airplanes

American Will Inaugurate Aerial Service Throughout Canada

New York. — The New York Sun says:

"Roy U. Conger, a nephew of Edwin H. Conger, United States minister to China at the time of the Boxer rebellion, gave his certified check to Sir Joseph Flavelle, representing the British ministry of munitions, and Director Morrow, of the imperial aircraft board, and thereby became the owner of the entire aircraft equipment, costing more than \$10,000,000, which was provided by Great Britain and used by Canada in training Canadian air fighters."

"The transaction was closed at Toronto, and the job of assembling 350 airplanes, 700 airplane engines, millions of spare parts, thousands of spare propellers, wings, cameras and other equipment, was at once begun under the direction of F. G. Erickson, of Toronto, Mr. Conger's Canadian representative.

"The whole equipment will be moved from the Royal Flying Corps training fields at Armour Heights, Rathburn, Mohawk, Beamsville and Borden to the field at Leaside, the use of which, rent free, has been granted to Mr. Conger for six months by the Dominion government.

"The price paid was not divulged at the request of the British government, but it was only a fraction of the original cost of the equipment.

"Mr. Conger's plans for the use and disposal of the stupendous equipment are merely in the making, but the greatest feature of them is the immediate development of airplane commercial routes in Canada. Absolutely convinced that heavier than air machines are to be the principal transporting medium and vehicles of the future for passengers, mail and express, and, in time, indeed, for heavy freight, the New Yorker proposes to establish out of his new department, regular commercial service by airplane between the principal Canadian cities. He has already taken measures, he said, to secure landing fields in the larger Canadian cities, and will have the sympathy and co-operation of the Dominion government in the project."

Capture of Perm Ended Reds' Reign

In Three Months Whole Population Would Have Perished

Omsk, Central Siberia. — Death stalked the streets of Perm until the city was captured by General Gaidar, according to the official report of an investigator who has just returned from the front town. So terrible were conditions under the Bolshevik regime that the frightened people of Perm have not yet recovered. It is said that the few pedestrians encountered there were emaciated, with livid lips and a constant nervous trembling of the head and hands. There are no children less than a year old in Perm, all having died, says the report, which adds that in three months the whole population would have perished. There are well authenticated cases of torture, according to the report. Peasants were forbidden last June to take provisions into their territory. Some people hid supplies, but these were found and seized by the Bolsheviks who spread terror throughout the whole region near Perm.

More German Trickery

Faulty Knowledge of English Gives Scheme Away

Ottawa. — Germany has lost the war, but not its old time commercial trickery, according to advices received from overseas by the director of public information. Fred James, official correspondent with the Canadian corps, writes from Bonn, Germany, as follows:

An example of how the Germans are eager to get trade is shown by the fact that Canadian and imperial military buttons, shoulder badges, etc., are on sale in the stores of Bonn and vicinity, the product of a factory at Coblenz.

They are very good imitations and might pass as British made if the manufacturers' knowledge of English were not faulty. On the back of the buttons is stamped "Extra fein."

May Use Parcel Post

New York. — Parcel post may be used to combat the high cost of living in Greater New York. A plan to use the postal facilities to carry food into New York from the rural districts direct from producer to consumer, at a great reduction of prices to the people, is being investigated by Postmaster Patten. It will probably be put into operation in the near future, it is stated.

Apply Internationalism to Captured Hun Colonies

Ypres as Memorial

London. — The decision of the Belgian government to maintain Ypres, the scene of several battles between the British and the Germans, in its present condition as a permanent memorial is endorsed heartily by British press and public opinion.

"Ypres will be a memorial," says the Westminster Gazette, "in which future generations may learn the horror of war, there is nothing more impressive than the site of the stricken city with the skeletons of its now wonderful buildings rising gaunt into the sky. In a sense there are few things more beautiful. To patch it up would be impossible. Everyone, therefore, will welcome the decision that the remains of the old city shall be left intact instead of being cleared away."

"The great abundance in the ruins of the last vestiges of once glorious civilization which have been overthrown. Ypres will stand for centuries as a reminder that civilization itself cannot be overthrown and as a monument to the generation sacrificed in its defence."

Trouble in Holland

Suspected Strangers Under Police Supervision Will Be Interned

The Hague. — Again threatened with revolution, several towns in Holland are taking measures independent of government action. In Arnhem all the public buildings, post and telegraph offices are occupied by troops and civic guards. The Hague is known to be a centre of Bolshevik propaganda and suspected, strangers who are under police supervision will probably be interned in a camp or on an island.

The minister of marine recently made a statement in the second chamber to the effect that when the revolution was threatened in November the fleet made arrangements with the revolutionaries to steam up those towns that were accessible. This report caused a sensation. The union of naval officers at De Helder, the Dutch naval base, passed a resolution which they sent to the government and the states general urging the entire re-organization of the naval forces. They added that all the men should be dismissed from the service with compensation and that a new system be adopted whereby all layers of the population would be represented in the fleet. The union urged the immediate institution of a mixed committee in which the civil element should predominate to consider these questions.

Armistice Ended

Argument of Force

Claims Will Be Prejudiced by Continuance of Violence

London. — Commenting on the action of the supreme war council in issuing a warning to those who are using armed forces in Europe and the East to enlarge their possessions before claims are finally adjusted, the Times says:

"The decisions of the conference will rest on two sets of considerations and two only. The first set is the result of the war that was terminated by the armistice of November. The armistice ended once and for all the argument of force and for any of the parties to the great suit in international justice which is now opening in Paris, to appeal to force is contempt of court.

"The second set of considerations is made up of claims of justice. Various rival nationalities who are now crying out their claims are harking back to an era definitely closed by the defeat of Germany, in which might was held to determine right. The great powers in the conference, having at the cost of incredible exertions and sacrifices overthrown the old band and set up a new tribunal of justice, must accept their authority against all appeals by violence. We do not mean that all claims that are being put out are necessarily claims that in themselves are unjust. But just or not they will be prejudiced by a continuance of violence. He who asked for justice must come in to court with clean hands."

The invention of bells is attributed to the Egyptians.

London. — The British imperial war council has accepted President Wilson's theory of internationalization as applied to the captured German colonies, notwithstanding energetic protests from the representatives of the Dominions, says the Daily Mail's Paris correspondent.

"These protests," says the correspondent, "have been of the gravest character. The South African representatives believe acceptance will give the greatest encouragement to the rebel forces in South Africa which it ever has received during British administration. The Australian delegates fear that Australian public opinion will regard it as unsatisfactory and inexplicable. The Dominion representatives generally, though very recent, are greatly perturbed."

The Daily Mail cites Arabia and Mesopotamia as place where the possible inhabitants are capable of self-determination and would have their wishes put into effect by the league of nations.

Regarding safeguards under which the mandates would administer to the countries whose people are not ripe for self-determination, the Daily Mail says President Wilson proposes that the safeguards shall be settled by the peace conference or the league of nations, they being varied according to local conditions.

"President Wilson doubtless has before him," the correspondent continues, "the principles of colonial administration as those which the league must enforce by safeguard and the British view appears to be that under this system, while formal adhesion is given to President Wilson's theory, the right of government by mandatory power will not differ in effect from the British imperial conception. This view induced the imperial cabinet to accept President Wilson's plan, but an examination into the steps to be taken for putting it into effect already reveals the gravest difficulties."

"It involves three difficulties of paramount importance.

"First—Who is to pay for the development of the territory?

"Second—What rules regarding tariffs are to be observed?

"Third—Are the mandates to be allowed to exclude people or capital they do not wish to enter?"

"President Wilson believes all these can be settled by separate consideration of the case of each territory. He even foresees the possibility of the league having revenue derived from constituent members, which might be spent in developing lands which it will nominally own.

"French, Italian and British colonial opinion is that any system of international control always has proved a failure and always will, and that the only right of interference which the league ought to assume would be the right to call to account any power whose government is injurious to the interests of the inhabitants.

"The colonial delegates declare that public opinion in their countries is quite incapable of appreciating the idea of administration under President Wilson's scheme, which may under certain circumstances, not differ materially from actual possession."

See Value of Advertising

Calgary. — Because there is a big demand for better housing facilities which must continue if the present development and improvement continues, the lumber men are of the opinion that there must be a co-operative system of advertising for better homes for people inaugurated. This opinion arose out of a discussion at the convention of the Western Retail Lumbermen's association as to whether the service and plan department should be curtailed or carried to greater efficiency.

Ludendorff Lives Under an Alias London. — Gen. Ludendorff, former quartermaster-general of the German army, is reported to be in Berlin, and is living in a small villa under an assumed name, according to an Exchange Telegraph company despatch from Amsterdam, because he fears hostile demonstrations. The general is said to have placed his services at the disposal of the government, which, it is added, declined them with thanks.

Coal Shortage in Germany

Berlin. — The coal shortage throughout Germany is so serious that for the moment all other questions are overshadowed. The large factories in many of the cities are already closed and it will be necessary to shut down many of the biggest plants in Berlin, if the situation does not improve within a fortnight.



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LOCAL NEWS

Mrs D. Ambler has returned from Edmonton.

The Co-op are advertising for tenders for painting the hall.

Come to the Saturday night dance.

For Fire Insurance see F. W. Watkinson, Irma.

The Fax Fun Co. put on a good show at Irma last Friday night but the crowd was small.

The Misses Ella and Bessie Brickman have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Eaton have been spending a few days at Edmonton.

Miss A. M. Carey, formerly from Alexandria, Ontario, has arrived to teach at Ross school.

Sid Miles returned home last Sunday from Edmonton. He has a very bad knee and will be laid up for some time.

A large number of residents of the Irma district journeyed to Wainwright Tuesday as spectators or witnesses in the Roy Merry trial.

The polling place advertised at the residence of W. R. Blade has been changed to the residence of G. J. Libarger will be deputy. Sec. 34-Tp 44-9.

Tonight is the time of the U.F.A. social evening. Reports of the Convention will be given. Mrs. McClung will speak. Members and their friends are invited.

Mr. McKay of the Provincial Health Department held a meeting in the Orbindale school last Saturday evening and one in the Albert school Monday morning in connection with the petition sent to the Department re being placed in the Mannville Hospital district.

LOCAL NEWS

(Too Late for last week)

Julius Stoughart and Charlie Wilbraham were visitors to Irma over the week-end.

Drilling at the Gratton oil well is again in full swing after a short delay waiting for tools. Oscar wears a smile these days evidently the smile of satisfaction over the prospects.

A dance was held at the home of Jas. McKnight on Friday night. A number of Irma people were present and spent an enjoyable evening with the country folks.

Mrs. B. Chambers was a visitor at the Point Farm last week, returning to Edmonton on Sunday night. Mrs. Wilbraham went with her in order to meet her son Roland who arrived at Halifax on Saturday on the Aquitania. He has been overseas for 3 years.

Church Services.

11 a.m. at Battle Heights

3.30 p.m. at Elliott's

7.30 p.m. at Irma.

C. G. Hockin, Pastor.



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